GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:20
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2005
SKY BUS PROJECT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sky Bus Project is still under consideration of the Union Government though it was presumed fit on economic and technical basis three years ago;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether three years back it was considered that Konkan Rail should be given this project but there was opposition by the some departments;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether this project was reconsidered on January 25, 2005; and

(f) if so, the details and outcomes therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.20 FOR 1.3.2005 REGARDING SKY BUS PROJECT.

(a)to(f): The Sky Bus System is a concept developed by the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL). The Sky Bus System is at a developmental stage. A test-track of 1.6 km has been constructed at Goa by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited. The Ministry of Urban Development has set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. P.V. Indiresan, retired Director, IIT, Chennai, in December 2003, having experts on various systems like track, signalling, etc., for evaluating this system and to examine feasibility and techno-economic aspects. This Committee has held several meetings, the last being at Goa on 25th January, 2005, when a trial run of the system was carried out. The ongoing process of developing the system will have to continue for more time before a final view can be taken on the utilization of the system for urban transportation.